

## SELECTED EVENTS IN LGBTQIA+ HISTORY

LGBTQIA+ history dates back to ancient civilizations and cultures around the world. What survives after many centuries of persecution—resulting in shame, suppression, and secrecy—has only recently been pursued and interwoven into more mainstream historical narratives.

**1623**

Francis Bacon, a noted gay man, publishes "The Advancement of Learning." This deductive system for research earned him the title "the Father of Modern Science."

**2ND CENTURY, 130**

Roman Emperor Hadrian's lover, Antinous, mysteriously dies. After learning of his death, Hadrian gives Antinous the status of God and builds sculptures of him throughout the empire.

**1886**

We'wha, a Zuni Native American, is received by President Grover Cleveland as a Zuni Princess. They are the most famous lhamana, a traditional Zuni gender role, now described as mixed-gender or two-spirit.

**1963**

Bayard Rustin, civil rights activist and gay man, is the chief organizer behind the March on Washington, which culminates in Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

**1966**

The Compton Cafeteria Riot breaks out at a San Francisco eatery when trans women are denied service for breaking gendered clothing laws.

**1969**

Police raid the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28. Demonstrations erupt and last four days.

**1998**

Matthew Shepard, a gay Wyoming college student, is brutally beaten by two young men, tied to a fence, and left overnight. He dies six days later.

**2009**

Annise Parker is elected Mayor of Houston and the first out mayor of a major city in Texas.

**2014**

The US Department of Education issues official guidance to clarify that transgender students are protected from discrimination under Title IX, a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities.

**2015**

The Supreme Court rules that states are constitutionally required to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, legalizing marriage equality in all 50 states.

**2020**

The Supreme Court rules in *Bostock v. Clayton County* that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act protects employees against discrimination because of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**2021**

Pete Buttigieg, an out gay man, is confirmed as Secretary of Transportation and the first out LGBT cabinet member in US history.